REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

The undersigned sincerely thanks Examiner Zimmer for various telephone conversations undertaken with a view to promote compact prosecution.

The Application was filed with 36 claims. Claims numbering as high as 66 have been added, with claims 1, 3-14 and 17-36 previously canceled. Presently, claims 2, 37, 43, 45, 48, 51, 53-55, 60, 63, and 64 are canceled. Claim 15 is amended to fully independent form, while claim 16 is amended to depend from claim 15.

The present cancellations and additions are in recognition of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 15, 16, 38-42, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 56-59, 61, 62, 65, and 66. Claim 2 is canceled because it covers the same scope as claim 38. Accordingly, claims 15, 16, 38-42, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 56-59, 61, 62, 65, and 66 (21 claims) remain pending in the application. In view of the discussions with Examiner Zimmer as well as explicit indications of allowable subject matter over specific references including Hierstetter and Westall, no further discussion of rejections is included herein as all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. No new matter is added herewith.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment and a Notice of Allowability for claims 15, 16, 38-42, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 56-59, 61, 62, 65, and 66. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. GEB-16311.

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